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Attached are copies of nine Japanese patent publications, any relevance of which to the claimed invention can be gleaned from the attached English-language Abstracts, the attached English-language international search report, the U.S. counterpart patents, and/or from pages 1-2 of the specification, where one of the documents is discussed. All of the publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed on the Form PTO-1449 are one U.S. Patent and four U.S. Patent Application Publications for consideration.

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